

ENERGY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

Minutes

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February 2, 2016

Madden Room – South Windsor Town Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Larry Brown, Resident
Hank Cullinane, Resident
Mike Gantick, Director of Public Works
Deputy Mayor Carolyn Mirek, Town Council
Councilor Janice Snyder, Town Council
Sherman Tarr, Resident
Stephen Wagner, Resident

Members Absent: Richard Grigorian, Resident
Patrick Hankard, Board of Education
Councilor Edward Havens, Town Council
Athena Loukellis, Resident
Richard Stahr, Board of Education

6. New Business

A. LED Streetlights update:

- a. Business Case from Ameresco
- b. Presentation to Town Council – January 19, 2016
- c. Town Council Action – February 1, 2016

Mr. Wagner informed the Committee that the Town Council passed a resolution to go ahead with the LED Streetlights and they passed a resolution to attempt to recover payment from the State for State street lights on Town roads. Mr. Gantick added that the State is working on a policy for street lights on State roads between the Electrical Division and the Street Light Division.

2. Election of Officers

Councilor Snyder made a motion to reappoint Steve Wagner as Chairperson. Mr. Cullinane seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

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2. Election of Officers (Continued)

Councilor Snyder made a motion to reappoint Sherman Tarr as Vice Chairperson. Mr. Brown seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Councilor Snyder made a motion to appoint Hank Cullinane as Secretary. Mr. Brown seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes (December 15, 2015 and January 5, 2016)

Councilor Snyder made a motion to approve the December 15, 2015 minutes and January 5, 2016 with amendments. Mr. Gantick seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

A. LED Streetlights update:

- a. Business Case from Ameresco
- b. Presentation to Town council – January 19, 2016
- c. Town Council Action – February 1, 2016

Mr. Wagner reiterated that the Town Council passed a resolution to go ahead with the LED Streetlights and they passed a resolution to attempt to recover payment from the State for State street lights on Town roads. Actions now are falling on Mr. Gantick and Mr. Galligan. A letter needs to be drafted that the Town is going to buy the lights and the Town also has to get financing arranged.

Mr. Gantick explained that the Town has to finalize all of the reconciliations with street lights with Eversource. Then that list can be

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6. A. (Continued)

used by Ameresco, Inc. It is hopeful to get through everything with Eversource in April and then some time in May put up a demonstration for the public to view. In July or August would like the project to begin and complete the project in September or October.

Answering questions from the Committee members, Mr. Gantick stated he would like a Project Manager hired for his office to help manage this project and the contract as well as many others. The Public Works Department will be getting a new dashboard which also can help manage this project. In the future it can be reviewed if there are ways to cut down on future costs.

Councilor Snyder stated she does not want to take any of the future cost savings at this time and commit them to other items until the project is up and running with definite amounts. Councilor Snyder then stated that she is convinced that the Town will be saving money, it is just not known exactly how much at this time.

Mr. Wagner explained that the Town will need money to close on the lights from Eversource, is that when we will start seeing finance charges? Mr. Gantick said yes right after that.

Mr. Wagner stated that there is an expenditure when the lights are actually turned on and accepted so the financing will come in two stages.

Mr. Gantick informed the Committee that the other part of the resolution involves the Town Manager and the Town Attorney to pursue restitution from the State and Eversource. Councilor Snyder felt that the lights that the State will not cover on State roads should be turned off because they are not the Town's responsibility. Mr. Gantick explained that no one would have known the Town has been paying for the street lights on State roads until an inventory was requested. The Town Manager will be sending a letter to the Governor's Office relative to the State street lights issue.

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Councilor Snyder felt that the State Representatives should be involved with this issue. Councilor Mirek explained that the resolution that was just passed by the Town Council will be sent to all of the Representatives.

B. Municipal Action Plan update

- a. Meeting with Eversource in February or March
- b. Latest Draft Reports
- c. Wapping School Support – Hank Cullinane

Committee members reviewed the Clean Energy Communities Municipal Action Plan. After a full review, Mr. Wagner stated he would go through and make the necessary changes as discussed. The Committee can go through this package further and when all edits have been completed it can be brought to the Town Council for their review and approval.

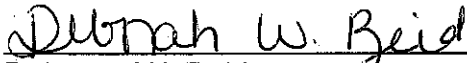
7. Miscellaneous

None

8. Adjournment

At 5:54 p.m. Mr. Cullinane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tarr seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council